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SUBMISSION OF ADDITIONAL RELATED ART

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Dear Sir:

Applicants are submitting this submission of additional related art in order to submit United States Patent 6,514,401, for Examiner's consideration.

United States Patent 6,514,401, which issued to Chyou et al. on February 4, 2003, relates to an anti-biofouling system. The system is adapted to be used for an underwater structure immersed in seawater. The anti-biofouling system includes a conductive layer, comprising a three part mixture. The mixture comprises carbon fiber, graphite powder and a binder. This is then formed on a surface of the underwater structure so that it can serve as an anode. A cathode and a power supply are also provided to provide a current. As a result, an electrolytic reaction occurs and fouling organisms are prohibited from attaching to the surface of the underwater

structure.

Respectfully Submitted,

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